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TO AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ACOM, MA

SUBJECT: DISRUPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

NAIROBI FOR RCO

REF: (A) PRETORIA 653, (B) TANANARIVE 341

1. REF (A) IS QUOTED UNNUMBERED TELEGRAM FROM TANANARIVE  
DATED FEB 22.

2. LATEST INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION CONVENTION  
IS DATED 1973 (MALAGO-TORMOLINOS). APPLICABLE ARTICLES OF  
NEW ITU CONVENTION WOULD BE 19 AND 20 WHICH FOLLOW:

QUOTE

ARTICLE 19 - STOPPAGE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. MEMBERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO STOP THE TRANSMISSION OF  
ANY PRIVATE TELEGRAM WHICH MAY APPEAR DANGEROUS TO THE  
SECURITY OF THE STATE OR CONTRARY TO THEIR LAWS, TO PUBLIC  
ORDER OR TO DECENCY, PROVIDED THAT THEY IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY  
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THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN OF THE STOPPAGE OF ANY SUCH TELEGRAM

OR ANY PART THEREOF, EXCEPT WHEN SUCH NOTIFICATION MAY  
APPEAR DANGEROUS TO THE SECURITY OF THE STATE.

2. MEMBERS ALSO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CUT OFF ANY OTHER  
PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS WHICH MAY APPEAR DANGEROUS TO

THE SECURITY OF THE STATE OR CONTRARY TO THEIR LAWS, TO  
PUBLIC ORDER OR TO DECENCY.

ARTICLE 20 - SUSPENSION OF SERVICES

EACH MEMBER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND THE INTERNAL  
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE FOR AN INDEFINITE TIME,  
EITHER GENERALLY OR ONLY FOR CERTAIN RELATIONS AND/OR FOR  
CERTAIN KINDS OF CORRESPONDENCE, OUTGOING, INCOMING OR IN  
TRANSIT, PROVIDED THAT IT IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIES SUCH  
ACTION TO EACH OF THE OTHER MEMBERS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. UNQUOTE.

3. POST SHOULD REVIEW ARTICLE 27 OF VIENNA CONVENTION ON  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WHICH IN ESSENCE STATES THAT HOST  
COUNTRY SHALL PERMIT MISSIONS TO HAVE ACCESS AND USE COM-  
MUNICATIONS FOR CONDUCT OF ITS DIPLOMATIC BUSINESS.

4. BELIEVE VIENNA CONVENTION ARTICLE MORE RELEVANT IN THIS  
CASE THAN ITU CONVENTION. IF RESPONSE SENT BELIEVE POST  
SHOULD EMPHASIZE THIS. IT APPEARS GOMR TRYING TO EVADE  
RESPONSIBILITY CALLED FOR UNDER VIENNA CONVENTION BY  
INTRODUCING ITU CONVENTION ARTICLES INTO PICTURE.

5. PLEASE KEEP DEPT ADVISED OF SITUATION. KISSINGER

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